

accordance with the requirements of this part.

(d) Conduct periodic onsite inspection without advance notice to the operator of such facility as determined necessary to assure compliance with applicable regulations.

(e) Cooperate and consult with or solicit advice from affected States, executives of affected local governments, other interested parties, and relevant Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government.

(f) Identify for those activities under the jurisdiction of the Director those States which are deemed to be affected States.

§ 250.106 Oral approvals.

(a) The appropriate MMS official may give an oral approval whenever the regulations in this part require a lessee or other applicant to obtain such official's approval before commencing an operation or activity. If an oral approval is given in response to an oral request, the lessee or applicant shall confirm the oral request by submitting a written request within 72 hours of the oral approval and the MMS official shall approve that request subject to any conditions that were placed upon the oral approval. In the event a written application is given oral approval by an MMS official, the MMS official shall forward the approval and any conditions placed thereon to the applicant.

(b) The appropriate MMS official may give oral orders to lessees in connection with requirements of this part whenever circumstances do not permit the time needed to prepare and issue such orders in writing. Oral orders shall be confirmed in writing by the appropriate MMS official.

§ 250.107 Right of use and easement.

(a) In addition to the rights and privileges granted to a lessee under a lease issued or maintained under the Act, the Regional Supervisor may grant a lessee, subject to conditions prescribed by the Regional Supervisor, a right of use and easement on the OCS to construct and maintain off the lease platforms, artificial islands, and all installations and other devices which are permanently or temporarily attached

to the seabed and which are used for conducting exploration, development, and production activities or other operations on or off the lease which are related to such activities. Rights of use and easement on the OCS shall be issued and exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) A right of use and easement, if on an area subject to any lease issued or maintained under the Act, shall be granted only after the holder of the lease has been notified by the applicant and afforded an opportunity to comment on the application.

(c) The Regional Supervisor shall require compliance with subpart I and MMS approval for all platforms, artificial islands, and installations and other devices permanently or temporarily attached to the seabed as a condition of the granting of a right of use and easement under paragraph (a) of this section or as authorized under any lease issued or maintained under the Act.

(d) The right granted by a right of use and easement shall be exercised in accordance with the requirements placed upon lessees by the regulations in this part.

(e) A right of use and easement shall be exercised only in a manner which does not interfere unreasonably with operations of any lessee under a lease.

(f) Once a right of use and easement has been exercised, the right shall continue, beyond the termination of any lease on which it may be situated, as long as it can be demonstrated to the Regional Supervisor that the right of use and easement is maintained by the holder of the right and serves the purpose specified in the grant. If the right of use and easement extends beyond the termination of any lease on which the right of use and easement may be situated or on an unleased portion of the OCS, the rights of all subsequent lessees shall be subject to such right of use and easement.

§ 250.108 Designation of operator.

This section explains the requirement for designation of an operator to conduct operations on a lease where the operator is not the sole lessee (record title owner) and owner of operating rights.